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Applicant: Noriyuki Kasahara et al. Art Unit: 1632

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed September 10, 2003, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 44, 41-43, 45, 49-51, 56, 58-60, and 63-65 drawn to the embodiment of an in vivo method for treating a patient using a retrovirus. Applicant further elects the species "Moloney murine leukemia virus (MoMLV)" (claim 49) and the species "breast cancer" (claim 56). The election is made without traverse.

Applicant notes that this election was made by Applicant's representative subsequent to a telephone conference with Examiner Nguyen on October 14, 2003. Applicant's believe that this election is fully responsive to the pending restriction requirement.

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